

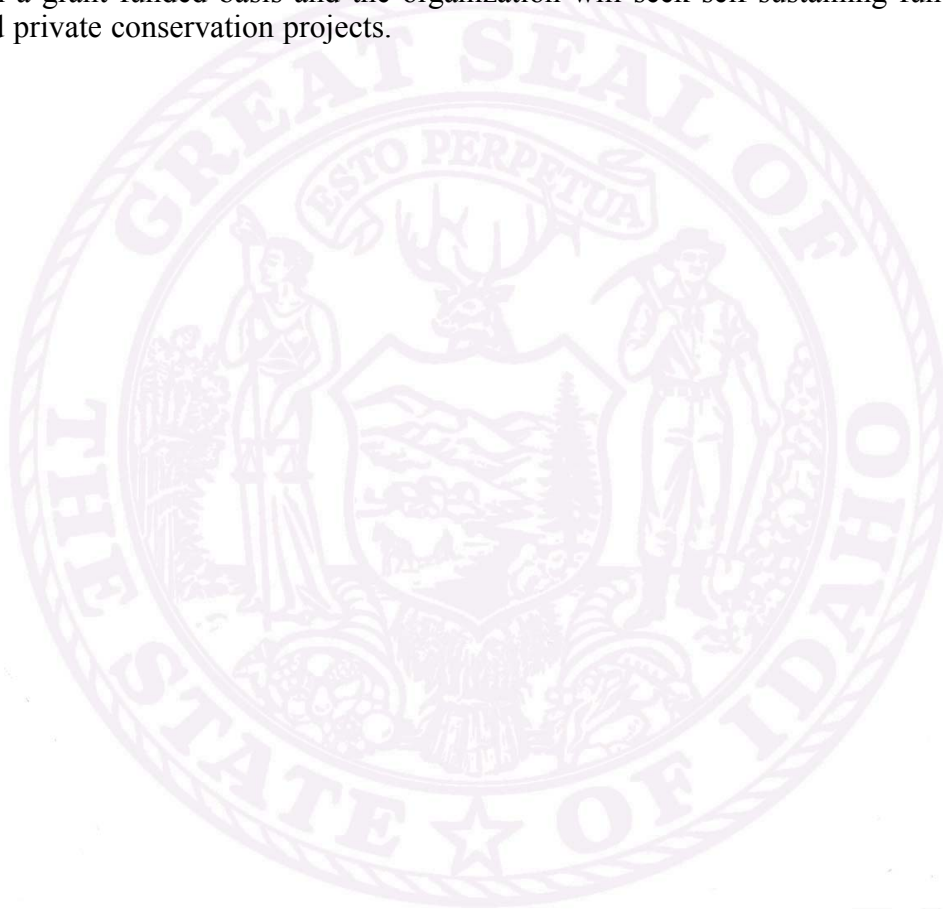
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22640

The Idaho Youth Conservation Corps will provide Idaho's youth with job opportunities in noxious weed, forest stability, fire mitigation, trail maintenance, and soil conservation projects. Working with local entities, this fund will require local districts to provide matching funds when hiring a youth corps. Youth employees aged 16-23 will be provided a daily wage and upon completion of a conservation tour a \$500 voucher to be used at an Idaho institution of higher learning.

FISCAL NOTE

Initial investment in the Idaho Youth Conservation Corps will be \$600,000 to be issued to local districts on a grant funded basis and the organization will seek self-sustaining funding through federal and private conservation projects.



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